



12/21/00 Fall from Elevation

A 48-year-old tree trimmer was killed when he fell out of the aerial lift he was working in.

The victim, co-owner of the tree timing company, was working in an aerial lift, while trimming a tree. He was wearing a body belt that had the chain saw attached, however, he was not tied off to the lift. The bucket type aerial lift did not have guardrails, and required the use of a safety harness. The victim was cutting and limb that fell and caught his chain saw and pulled him out of the basket. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Questions to ask?

- Do you require use of fall-protection equipment when needed?
- Are all operators trained in the use of powered platforms that they are required to use?

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